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SUBJ: TBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS AND SAFEGUARD TALKS: SUGGESTED RECESS

1. I DISCUSSED FUTURE SCHEDULING OF OUR TALKS IN ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH MOROKHOV OCTOBER 29. I TOLD HIM FURTHER STUDY WOULD BE REQUIRED IN WASHINGTON OF GENERAL NPT QUESTIONS, SUCH AS HE HAD RAISED IN SAFEGUARDS TALKS, AND ON QUESTION OF OVERALL, GENERAL PNE TREATY OF TYPE HE HAS PROPOSED.

2. I FELT THERE WERE USEFUL THINGS TO PURSUE IN BOTH SETS OF TALKS FOR A FEW MORE MEETINGS. THEREAFTER, I SUGGESTED THAT A RECESS MIGHT BE ADVISABLE, BEGINNING WITH THE SOVIET HOLIDAYS STARTING NOVEMBER 7. I SAID I HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE SECRETARY WHILE HE WAS IN MOSCOW AND HE HAD AGREED. MOROKHOV RESPONDED POSITIVELY, AND ASKED HOW LONG A RECESS I CONTEMPLATED. I SAID THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND ON THE PROGRESS OF WORK IN WASHINGTON BUT THAT A MONTH MIGHT BE REASONABLE.

3. COMMENT: I FEEL WE ARE AT A STAGE WITH REGARD TO BOTH SETS OF TALKS WHERE IT IS BECOMING URGENT TO FOCUS ON OVERALL NPT PROBLEMS AND DETERMINE OUR POLICIES CONCERNING THEM. I HOPE THE WASHINGTON REVIEW OF THESE MATTERS WILL PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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